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Introductory Info

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Please identify whether you are answering this survey as a representative of an entire diocese or as a church or institution: Church or Institution

If Church or Institution, please identify which kind of Episcopal entity you represent: Congregation

Section One: Telling the Truth About Our Churches and Race, including Truth and Reconciliation Processes (TRUTH)

Check all the Truth-telling ministries with which your diocese, congregation or institution has engaged over the last 12 months: Intentional efforts to increase proportion of people of color in membership

Please describe the efforts related to the boxes checked above: Our church is located in a racially diverse neighborhood. Pre-pandemic we encouraged use of our facility for special occasions, especially for the Latino neighbors (quinceanera, baptisms, birthdays). We encouraged persons of color to participate in our bazaar, autumn festival, and other special events.

Has your diocese, congregation or institution or entity in recent years engaged in a Truth and Reconciliation process, understood to be: (please check all that apply)

Investigating the organization's historic role in racial injustice;

Please describe these Truth and Reconciliation process efforts:

looking into historic geographic changes which excluded people of color. Also looking into historic exclusion of indigenous people in No. Portland area.

Has your diocese, congregation or institution organized a commission, working group or other regular meetings to work on a Truth and Reconciliation process?

No

Have Episcopal entities pursuing Truth and Reconciliation hosted events and webinars or produced any documents, testimonials, reports or other content?

I Don't Know

If your diocese, congregation or institution has not begun to pursue a Truth and Reconciliation process, have leaders expressed interest in starting such work?

Yes

What assistance or resources would help you to take the next steps around Truth and Reconciliation?

Regular postings on Facebook, other social media, convention

Section Two: Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community (PROCLAMATION)

Check all the Proclaiming the Dream ministries with which your diocese, congregation or institution has engaged during the last 12 months: (check all that apply)

Offer public witness (editorials, public speaking, protests and vigils)

Please describe the efforts related to the boxes checked above:

Re-naming of high schools in Portland neighborhoods

What assistance or resources would help you to take the next steps around Proclaiming the Dream?

Listening & Learning sessions

Section Three: Practicing Jesus's Healing Way (FORMATION)

Check all the Practicing the Way ministries with which your diocese or entity has engaged during the last 12 months: (check all that apply)

Doctrine of Discovery training
Incorporation of non-dominant cultural expressions in liturgy
Diocesan or organization-wide reading of book(s) on race

Please describe the efforts related to the boxes checked above:

Different versions of Eucharistic prayer

Pre-pandemic we helped sponsor Absalom Jones Day with another church. There is interest in continuing this Day.

What assistance or resources would help you to take the next steps around Practicing the Way?

We investigated Sacred Ground - need a leader to help us continue with this effort.

Section Four: Repairing the Breach in Institutions and Society (JUSTICE)

Check all the church-wide Repairing the Breach efforts with which your diocese, congregation or institution has engaged during the last 12 months:

None of the above

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Reimagining Policing and Criminal Justice Reform”?

Local engagement

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Prison Ministries or Re-entry Ministries,” that is, supporting persons re-entering community following incarceration?

Not yet engaged

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Refugee Ministries”?

Learning

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Immigration Reform”?

Not yet engaged

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Education Equity,” including support for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and partnering with under-resourced schools primarily serving students of color?

Local engagement

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Housing Equity” for/with communities and People of Color? Local engagement

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Economic Opportunity” for/with communities and People of Color? Not yet engaged

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Environmental Racism and Eco-justice”? Not yet engaged

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Reparations for Racial Justice”? Not yet engaged

Please describe the efforts related to the boxes checked above:

We have met with police around issues of campers, drug users on our property. Our food pantry stocks many items requested by those living outdoors. We partner with several groups which reach out to those who are struggling with homelessness.

We are located close to a school mostly serving children of color - cooperate with them on food distribution, clothing, personal items, etc.

In what other ways is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with racial justice and Repairing the Breach? Pre-pandemic we wanted to join a local One Cop program to improve our service to those who are homeless, those with mental illness - improvement in this area benefits all races.

What assistance or resources would help you to take the next steps around Repairing the Breach? form liaison with police.
Continue to support construction of affordable housing in our immediate area.

Conclusion

Is there anything else you wish to share about your diocese, congregation or institution and its engagement with racial reconciliation and justice ministries, overall? Keep the faith about this ministry!
